

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, line 1 as follows:

The valve has a shutter 30 comprising a top support 32, e.g. made of a steel referenced A42cp, having a horizontal bottom wall in the form of a disk and a frustoconical side wall that flares outwardly and upwardly from the edges of the bottom wall. The shutter 30 has a bottom layer 34 of high temperature lagging material such as Kerlane~~KERLANE~~®. This layer 34 has the same shape as the support 32 but is smaller and solid. The layer 34 is fixed to the bottom face of the support 32. This layer is surrounded by a wall of refractory stainless steel. When the shutter 30 closes the orifice 18, the insulating layer 34 extends in register with the faces 26 and 28 of the orifice, and at a distance therefrom.